

Loudoun County Government
DISABILITIES SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

April 6, 2010

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Frank Lombardi, Liz Mills, Ken Shipman, Tim Tozer, Hugh Scott, Lovely Lall.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Granata, Anjan Chimaladinne, Greg Conrow, Todd Kaudy, Tom Wlodkowski, Angela Shirazi, Julian Murray.

STAFF: Catherine Motivans, ADA Coordinator

PUBLIC: Tracee Garner (LEND)

Public Comment: Tracee Garner provided a two-page handout describing six activities that LEND is preparing in anticipation of the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Rather than repeat all of those activities, the handout is attached to the meeting minutes. In particular, Tracee asked for assistance with the following:

1. Disability Resource Fair: Tracee would like for the DSB to have a table at the fair.
2. Disability Exhibit: Catherine Motivans will provide Tracee with a possible contact that might be able to help with an exhibit.
3. Disability Cinema Program: Tracee needs help identifying younger people to sit on one of the panels.
4. Poster Contest: The DSB agreed to oversee the poster contest for LEND.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Frank called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Hugh Scott motioned to approve the March 2010 minutes; Ken Shipman seconded the motion. March 2010 minutes approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. DSB Purpose and Priority Focus Areas

Frank requested that DSB members review the Triennial Needs Assessment in order to identify three (3) goals that should guide the DSB's efforts. Frank asked that this issue be tabled and discussed at the next DSB meeting in May.

B. Ten Commandments of Communicating with People with Disabilities

The DSB members watched a video provided by Ken.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Liz Mills provided updated versions of the recruitment flyer. The DSB members discussed the use of the word "advocacy" in the flyer and agreed to retain the word in the final version. Liz agreed to continue serving as the point person for finishing the flyer.

V. STAFF REPORT

Catherine spoke with Susan Breem with the County regarding the grants process. According to Ms. Breem, there are strict procedures under which the DSB would have to operate in order to apply for grants. The DSB would need to partner with another department in order to apply for grants. There is also paperwork that the DSB would need to compete. The DSB could also partner with non-profit entities in order to identify grants that those entities may want to pursue.

Catherine mentioned an article in a local newspaper that was highlighted by Liz in a prior DSB meeting. Frank agreed to contact the author to see if the person might have any interest in coming to a DSB meeting or joining the DSB.

Catherine received a call from Mr. Carl Varner with the Fairfax County DSB to inform her of a hearing on April 19 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Catherine gave the DSB members a heads up that she had provided Mr. Varner with the contact information for some DSB members.

Catherine noted that she and Lovely Lall will attend an upcoming disability summit from April 23-24. Lovely briefly discussed the sessions/workshops that she plans to attend.

VI. Other Business-Announcements

Frank discussed the process of formally presenting the Shining Star Award to Juanita Tool. Frank will speak with Supervisor Burk about the best way to formally recognize Juanita.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 4, 7:00 p.m.